

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please REPLACE paragraph 40 beginning at page 10, with the following paragraph:

Where reflectances at the selected area of the second data recording/reproducing surface 60 of the light L_P , L_{LG} , and $L_{LG/M}$ passing through the pit area A_P , the land/groove area A_{LG} , and the land/groove area $A_{LG/M}$ at which data are recorded on the first data recording/reproducing surface 60 are represented as r_1 , r_2 , and r_3 , respectively, the reflectances satisfy the expressions: ~~$r_1 > r_2 > r_3$ and $\{(r_1 - r_3)/r_3\} \leq 0.2$~~ ; $r_1 \geq r_2 \geq r_3$ and $\{(r_1 - r_3)/r_1\} \leq 0.2$.

Please REPLACE paragraph 41 at page 11, with the following paragraph:

The first and second data recording/reproducing surfaces 60 and 70 are each shown as a single layer but may both be double layers with a spacer layer included between the first and second data recording/reproducing surfaces 60 and 70. The double layers have at least the two data recording/reproducing surfaces. Here, the reflection coefficient at the selected area of a layer selected from the layers of the double layer satisfies the ~~the expressions $r_1 > r_2 > r_3$ and $\{(r_1 - r_3)/r_3\} \leq 0.2$~~ $r_1 \geq r_2 \geq r_3$ and $\{(r_1 - r_3)/r_1\} \leq 0.2$. Only a data recording/reproducing surface included on an area closest to a light source is excluded from the selected layer.

Please REPLACE paragraph 43 at page 11, with the following paragraph:

Light intensity resulting from a minimum value of jitter of the optical recording medium having the properties shown in FIG. 8 is about 4.4 mW, and a light intensity margin in which the jitter is decreased to a value of not more than 2% is in the range of ± 0.9 mW. Thus, using the expression ~~$\{(r_1 - r_3)/r_3\} \leq 0.2$~~ $\{(r_1 - r_3)/r_1\} \leq 0.2$, the optimum intensity versus the light intensity margin is $0.9/4.4 \approx 0.2$.

Please REPLACE the paragraph 45 beginning at page 11, with the following paragraph:

As described above, the reflection properties of a surface selected from the plurality of data recording/reproducing surfaces included in the optical recording medium according to the present invention are represented in the expressions ~~$r_1 > r_2 > r_3$ and $\{(r_1 - r_3)/r_3\} \leq 0.2$~~ , $r_1 \geq r_2 \geq r_3$

and $\{(r1-r3)/r1\} \leq 0.2$, and data are recorded on or reproduced from a recording/reproducing surface including the next selected surface using light having an intensity increased more than the intensity used at the selected surface. Thus, reduction of data recording and reproducing properties on the selected recording/reproducing surface can be prevented due to the recording/reproducing surface nearer the light source than the selected surface where data are recorded on a surface selected from the plurality of recording/reproducing surfaces, or the recorded data are read and reproduced.